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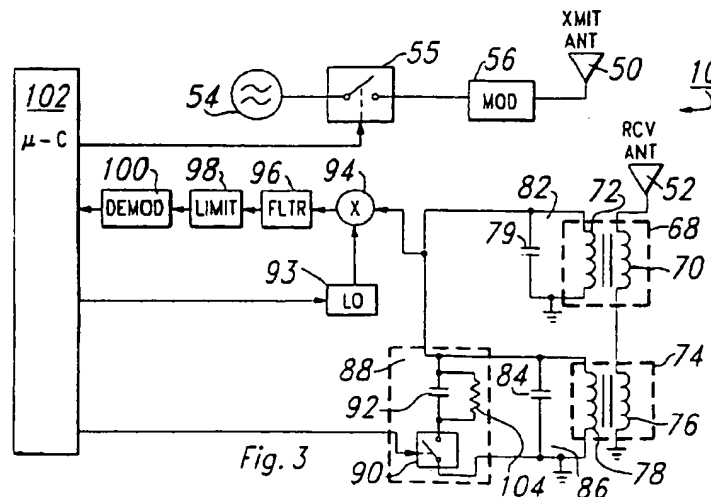
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(54) **Frequency diversity transponder arrangement**

(57) A method of communicating between a transponder and an interrogator. The interrogator (10) transmits a wireless RF interrogation which is received by the transponder (12). The transponder (12) then transmits a wireless RF response. The wireless RF response has a first channel response centered at frequency $FDX1=RF+SC$, a second channel response centered at frequency $FDX2=RF-SC$, and a third channel response centered at frequency $FDX3=SC$. The third channel response is a spurious signal resulting from using a non-linear element (32) as the transponder mod-

ulator (32,34). The interrogator (10) receives this wireless RF response. The response is received in the three channels with a first circuit (82) operable to receive said first channel response, a second circuit (86) is operable to receive said second channel response, and a third circuit (86,88) is operable to receive said third channel response. A controller (102) then selects the response from one of said first, second, or third circuits (82,86,88) for demodulating. A demodulator (100) may then demodulate one the selected channel responses. Other arrangements, systems, and methods are disclosed.



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